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Timber sale awarded for Corps' Little Bay stewardship project at Dworshak

Orofino, Idaho – Approximately 650 acres of timber will be harvested in the 1,300-acre Little Bay stewardship project at Dworshak Dam and Reservoir over the next two and a half years, according to a natural resources official for the Walla Walla District.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers benefits from a contract awarded to Empire Lumber Company of Kamiah, Idaho, which will be administered by the Bureau of Land Management and Corps representatives. An estimated volume of 4.4 million board feet, mostly Douglas fir, will be removed.

The area to be logged is located along the Dworshak Reservoir near Canyon Creek between River Mile Seven and River Mile Eleven. The project will help restore a healthy forest environment.

“By selectively removing the smaller diameter trees within overstocked stands and later using prescribed underburns in areas that have been suppressed from fire, we can improve forest health and restore forest conditions that are beneficial to native wildlife,” said Billie Drewery, a forester at Dworshak Dam.

Harvest treatments will include traditional tractor/skidder methods on flat to gentle slopes, and helicopter use on the steeper slopes to accomplish tree removal activities, according to Dworshak Wildlife Biologist Russ Davis.

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